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SUBJECT: KIEV CONGEN: VISIT OF FBO ARCHITECT KNOOP

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(1) REVIEW OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON KIEV PROPERTIES INDICATES THAT STRELETSKAYA 12, 14, 16 MOST LIKELY SITE FOR KIEV CONGEN; HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT NOT YET PREPARED TO ELIMINATE OTHER OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED SECOND VISIT OF CONTRACT ARCHITECT KNOOP TO KIEV ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 16-17 TO MAKE DETAILED STUDY OF STRELETSKAYA BUILDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR REMODELING TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. ASSUMING KNOOP ENCOUNTERS NO UNANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FINALIZE DECISION ON STRELETSKAYA PROPERTY. KNOOP'S PLANS COULD THEN BE TURNED OVER TO SOVIET PLANNING ORGANIZATION ON OR ABOUT APRIL 1. WILL ADVISE ETA MOSCOW AND KIEV AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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(2) PLEASE INFORM MFA OF PROPOSED KIEV VISIT AND REQUEST

THAT PROVISIONS BE MADE FOR INSPECTION OF INTERIOR OF STRELETSKAYA AND UNIVERSETETSKAYA PROPERTIES. ALSO REQUEST THAT DURING KNOOP VISIT, IF POSSIBLE, MFA SHOW ALTERNATIVE CGR AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES PLUS DOWNTOWN APARTMENTS FOR DPO, BPAO AND ANY STAFF APAMTMENTS WHICH COULD NOT BE

ACCOMMODATED IN STRELETSKAYA OR UNIVERSETETSKAYA BUILDINGS.

(3) DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSIGNING OFFICER FAMILIAR WITH KIEV AND KIEV PROPERTY QUESTIONS, SUCH AS WILKINSON, TO ACCOMPANY KNOOP TO KIEV.

(4) KNOOP WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH EMBASSY ON RECON-FIGURATION OF FLORENTSIYA APARTMENTS SO THAT PLANS CAN BE PROVIDED TO KIEV AUTHORITIES IN TIME FOR PREPARATION OF APARTMENTS IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL US TEAM IN KIEV.

(5) MFA SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL AND COPY OF PROYEKTNOYE ZADANIYE OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY KIEV AUTHORITIES CANNOT BE PROVIDED BEFORE KNOOP VISIT, THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO KNOOP ON HIS ARRIVAL FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT.

(6) MYSHKOV FROM SOVIET EMBASSY CALLED AT DEPT. JANUARY 16 TO INQUIRE ABOUT PROGRESS ON KIEV AND WAS BRIEFED ALONG ABOVE LINES. HE WAS TOLD THAT PROMPT MFA RESPONSE TO OUR QUERIES IN REFTEL WOULD ASSIST USG IN SUBMITTING ITS PLANS FOR RECONFIGURATION OF KIEV OB PROMPTLY. KISSINGER

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